

Barbara grew up in Niagara Falls, New York, the oldest of five children, and has been politically active since high school. Marrying a soldier curtailed her opportunity to run for public office, but after twenty-seven years in the U.S. Army traveling and living overseas and across the United States, they came to the state of Georgia and became active in Republican politics. Barbara and her husband, Jim, moved to Cobb County in 2001 and reside in Mableton. Barbara and Jim have four children and four grandchildren. Among her many accomplishments, Barbara founded The Etiquette School of Atlanta, where she teaches classes and workshops to enhance personal effectiveness for adults and children. She has served as a consultant at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., the United States Department of Agriculture, and as a Master Trainer for the Army Family Team Building Program. Barbara has served her community and state tirelessly as an integral part of many organizations, such as the South Cobb Business Association, Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Federation of Republican Women, Cobb County Republican Women's Club, and the Cobb County Republicans, among others. On behalf of the people of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I commend Barbara Hickey for her many years of outstanding, dedicated and effective service.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL AL AYCOCK ON RECEIVING THE 2018 GREATER FAYETTEVILLE CHAMBER CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Al Aycock as the recipient of the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Chairman's Award.

The Chairman's Award is presented to the volunteer who has gone above and beyond in service of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber over the past year. This prestigious award is selected by the Chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors, and is one of the highest honors a community leader can receive. Everyone who knows Maj. Gen. Aycock can attest that he's as deserving as any recipient we've ever had for this award.

Maj. Gen. Aycock served almost 40 years in the military, with 20 of those years at Fort Bragg. Assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and Special Forces as Company Commander, Maj. Gen. Aycock excelled in developing the next generation of special warfare operators. He led the Special Forces Qualification Course, including Robin Sage, and commanded the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Special Warfare Training Group, responsible for the training of Special Operations personnel in Military Freefall, Underwater Operations, Close Quarters Combat and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE). I thank Gen. Aycock for his service to our community and our nation. His sacrifices have not gone unnoticed by his friends and neighbors here in Fayetteville.

Maj. Gen. Aycock is deserving of this award, and I wish him success as he continues to be a wonderful community asset through his role as the Managing Partner of Ramparts Group, LLC and his volunteer service and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Major General Al Aycock on winning the 2018 Greater Fayetteville Chamber Chairman's Award.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE CITY OF CERES

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor the City of Ceres, located in the California Central Valley, on a tremendous milestone—the completion of its first centennial.

As the City of Ceres enters into its 100th year, they wish to honor and mark its history of a community working together to bring a cityhood of achievement into existence. The name "Ceres" was selected by Elma J. Carter in 1871 to honor the warehouses and granary of her grandfather; the name meaning health, beauty, fruitfulness, and wholesomeness.

Daniel Whitmore is accredited with building the City's first house in 1870 and served as the first cartographer of the land on February 20, 1875. Ceres emerged as a township in January of 1910, consequent to the formation of the Ceres Judicial District. Simultaneously, the citizens of Ceres worked to assimilate as a city in California. It was not until February 25, 1918 that the inhabitants decided to incorporate as a general law city of the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating and congratulating the City of Ceres on the completion of its first centennial, and wish them a myriad to come.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—ATTORNEY CAROLYN HOUSE STEWART

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Tampa's finest civic leaders Attorney Carolyn House Stewart. During this Black History Month, we honor her timeless dedication and almost 50 year record of honorable service to our community.

A Tampa native, Attorney Stewart graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Social Science Education. She continued along the road to academic success and began her impressive 39-year legal career graduating with a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Attorney Stewart became the first African-American partner at Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen, one of Florida's oldest law firms.

Throughout her career she made significant contributions to the issues of social justice and human rights, health, global poverty, economic

security, education, and environmental stewardship. She served as a member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners for five years and practiced before the US District Courts for the Middle and Southern District of Florida, as well as the US Court of Appeals for the 11th and 5th Circuits. Attorney Stewart currently serves as the CEO of Stewart Consulting Group, Inc. and is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney Stewart is a renowned member of the prestigious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKAs), where she served as an example of their motto, "By Culture and By Merit". The AKAs are well-known for their life-long personal and professional development of each of its members and Attorney Stewart ascended to various leadership positions, including the 28th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chapter President, Cluster Coordinator of the South Atlantic Region, Chairman of the International Program Committee, International Secretary, and International First Vice President. Under her leadership, AKAs have volunteered over 6 million hours of service and impacted the lives of 26 million people in communities all over the globe. She was instrumental with the AKAs Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) Program that worked with over 15 thousand middle school-aged girls to develop the "skills and talents necessary to become leaders at their respective school, within their local communities, and other venues." For her dedication to the AKAs, she has received commendations, including the Carey B. Preston International Leadership Award, Margaret Davis Bowen Award, and Soror of the Year.

Attorney Stewart has been recognized for her exceptional commitment to service through various other awards including the 2006 Florida Commission on the Status of Women "Achievement Award," the National Bar Association Presidential Award, and one of the National Bar Association's highest honors, the Gertrude E. Rush Award. In 2013, she was presented the Sadie T.M. Alexander Award from the National Association of Black Law Students. Attorney Stewart was recognized by the Trumpet Awards Foundation with the High Heels Award, and in March 2014, she was presented the Phenomenal Woman's Award from the Black Women's Expo and also received the United Negro College Fund National Alumni Legacy Award for her support on education.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I would like to take this opportunity to once again honor Attorney Carolyn House Stewart during this Black History Month for her many years of unselfish service and leadership, and for consistently being at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change throughout the Tampa Bay community.

HONORING AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY OF NEW MEXICO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Air Force Research Laboratory of New Mexico—